

University Area

The following is a compilation of recommendations from city plans and project lists that may be eligible for UIRF funding. Area commissions, civic associations, and other organizations that are considering applying for UIRF funds should utilize this list as a starting point when considering potential projects. Additional general ideas for potential projects are listed in the document titled "[Generalized List of Potential UIRF Project Ideas](#)".

Recommendations from city plans from the following list (noted as such) have received considerable neighborhood public input, have been recommended by the local area commission, and have been adopted by City Council as policy for the given area/neighborhood.

Recommendations from the portion of the table titled "Other Potential Project Ideas from City Project Lists" have come from staff developed recommendations that are consistent with city plans and/or address other city capital improvement priorities.

Applicants for UIRF funding are not required to restrict themselves to a proposal from this list. This information was compiled by city staff in order to assist neighborhood organizations in developing project ideas, but the city does not guarantee that there may not be additional potential projects within a neighborhood's plan or from other sources. Neighborhood organizations should review their plan and other information themselves in order to better understand the recommendations from this list and perhaps identify other potential project ideas. Choosing a project from this list does not guarantee funding, but projects chosen from the list will be weighted in favor of projects not from the list, per the City's UIRF [Criteria Rating Form](#).

University Area Neighborhood Revitalization Plan(1996) and Weinland Park Neighborhood Plan (2006) Recommendations	Plan Page Number
Locate a large public park central to the Indianola, Weinland Park, and East, North, and South Campus Neighborhoods.	3_1
Rehabilitate the Iuka Ravine with landscape improvements (Note: North Fourth to Summit is complete).	3_2
Develop greenways along 15th Avenue; East 12th Avenue; Summit Street; Fourth Street; Indianola Avenue; East Woodruff Avenue; Lane Avenue; East 11th Avenue; Seventh/King Avenue; West Tenth Avenue; Patterson Avenue; Neil Avenue; Arcadia Avenue; and High Street, including coordinated street tree programs, acorn style lampposts, and signage.	3_2
Significant streets within the Neighborhoods that should receive landscape and other amenity upgrades include East 15th Avenue, East 12th Avenue, Summit Street, Fourth Street, Indianola Avenue, East Woodruff Avenue, Lane Avenue, 7th/King Avenue, and West 10th Avenue. In particular, 15th Avenue should feature a double row of street trees and lighting standards to highlight its importance as a ceremonial corridor leading from the District's eastern edge into the Ohio State Oval and campus.	3_5
Retain while improving the appearance of the alley barriers on the east and west sides of Indianola Avenue north of 5th Avenue.	12_2
Establish pedestrian crossing points of High Street at signalized intersections (Woodruff Avenue, West 18th Avenue, West 17th Avenue,	13_2

15th Avenue, 14th Avenue, 13th Avenue, 12th Avenue, and West 11th Avenue) which relate to the major pedestrian corridors of the Ohio State campus. Remove other existing mid-block crosswalks and add one at Frambes Avenue to address possible safety concerns.*	
Establish a system of bicycle routes through the area and connect the Ohio State and Neighborhoods bicycle tour system with the City-wide bicycle system.	13_2
Additional bicycle parking should be provided both on and off campus. Consider bicycle lockers for long-term and commuter parking.	13_2
Construct new off-street parking lots along Pearl Street on residual land acquired for the widening and improvement of Pearl Street, these lots should be controlled with short term parking meters.	14_2
Upgrade the physical appearance of the High Street Corridor from 5th Avenue to Norwich Avenue with coordinated signage, acorn style lampposts, pavement systems.	15_2
Create new public plazas and open space at existing and proposed street closures, along High Street that allow for passive and active retail and community uses. +	15_2
Create a new civic space that connects to the Hamlet streetscape improvements and surround that space with new attractive development that includes uses to activate the outdoor spaces.	18
Create "Grant Park" - a new civic place for people of all ages and backgrounds - as is feasible and appropriate. Expand parkland and integrate active recreational uses, such as ball fields, courts, etc.	20
Survey neighborhood alleys and prioritize for improvements and repair; work with the Department of Utilities and the Transportation Division and apply to the city's Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund (UIRF) to make necessary repairs.	28
Other Potential Project Ideas from City Project Lists	
Tuttle Park: drinking fountain (trail); play equipment, tennis improvements	
Portal Park: educational/cultural signs (supplement new improvements)	
Maynard Summit Park – general improvements	
Weinland Park: trees	
Thompson Park: fence replacement, doors and windows	
Iuka Park: native vegetation, bank restoration	
Indianola Park; misc park improvements	
Olentangy Trail: safety improvements, signage	

*Projects noted with an asterisk are subject to preliminary engineering analysis which could either prove the project not feasible or limit the extent of the project.

+Projects noted with a "+" would be subject to an executed maintenance agreement with a community organization, subject to city requirements and approval.